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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, between the title and the section entitled "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION", insert the following additional section:

REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a continuation-in-part of provisional application No. 60/227,687 filed August 24, 2000.

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend Claims 3, 7-13 and 19 to read as follow:

3. A method according to Claim 2, wherein step (b) comprises the step of:
- 2 (e) systematically providing on a display screen displaying the given form element an instruction to enter only a positive comment in the given form element.
7. A method according to Claim 6, wherein step (b) comprises the step of:
- 2 (d) systematically providing on a display screen displaying the given form element an indication that the given form element is for entry of a negative comment.
8. A method according to Claim 7, wherein step (b) comprises the step of:
- 2 (e) systematically providing on a display screen displaying the given form element an instruction to enter only a negative comment in the given form element.
9. A method according to Claim 6, further comprising the steps of:
- 2 (d) systematically directing a contributor of a comment, which is in response to a display of the contributed negative comment, to contribute a positive comment for entry into said database by using a computer-displayed form element adapted for receiving said contribution; and
- 4 (e) providing a bi-directional access link between the display of the contributed negative comment and a display of the contributed positive comment.

10. A method according to Claim 6, wherein the contributed negative comment is
2 also responsive to another positive comment in the database, the method further comprising
the step of:

4 (d) providing a bi-directional access link between a display of the contributed
negative comment and a display of the other positive comment.

11. A method according to Claim 10, wherein step (d) comprises the step of:

2 (e) directing the contributor of the contributed comment, to provide the link recited in
step (d) by using a given computer-displayed button.

12. A method according to Claim 6, further comprising the step of:

2 (d) enabling both comments to be displayed simultaneously in a common screen
display.

13. A method according to Claim 6, wherein said positive comments include solution
2 ideas and said negative comments include problem ideas.

19. A medium(media) according to Claim 17, wherein the contributed negative
2 comment is also responsive to another positive comment in the database, and wherein the
instructions further cause the computer system to perform the step of:

4 (d) providing a bi-directional access link between a display of the contributed
negative comment and a display of the other positive comment.

Add new Claims 20-24, as follow:

20. A method according to Claim 6, wherein step (b) comprises the step of:

2 (e) systematically providing on a display screen displaying the given form element an instruction to enter only a negative comment in the given form element.

21. A method according to Claim 1, wherein step (b) comprises the step of:

2 (e) systematically providing on a display screen displaying the given form element an instruction to enter only a positive comment in the given form element.

22. A method according to Claim 5, wherein step (d) comprises the step of:

2 (e) directing the contributor of the contributed comment, to provide the link recited in step (d) by using a given computer-displayed button.

23. A method according to Claim 1, further comprising the step of:

2 (d) enabling both comments to be displayed simultaneously in a common screen display.

24. A method according to Claim 1, wherein said positive comments include solution

2 ideas and said negative comments include problem ideas,

REMARKS

The specification is amended to refer to the provisional application, upon which the priority claim is based.

Claims 3, 7-13 and 19 are amended to correct clerical errors in Claims 7-10 and 19 and to eliminate any multiple dependent claims from this application. Claims 7-10 should have ultimately depended from Claim 6, not Claim 1. Claim 10 should have depended from Claim 17, not Claim 13.

New Claims 20-24 are directed to the subject matter of original Claim 8 as dependent upon Claim 6, original Claim 3 as dependent upon Claim 1, original Claim 11 as dependent upon Claim 5, original Claim 12 as dependent upon Claim 1, and original Claim 13 as dependent upon Claim 1 respectively.

Respectfully submitted,

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